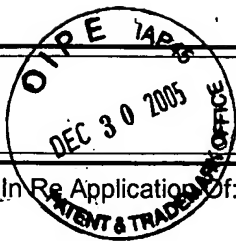


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Title: **METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FIRE-RESISTANT WOOD FIBER MOLDINGS (as amended concurrently)**

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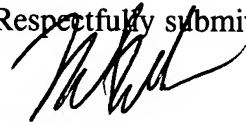
Applicant respectfully submits an executed declaration for the above-identified patent application. It has come to the applicants' attention that a Notice of Acceptance was issued in error on August 12, 2005 (copy attached) for this application. Please note that an executed declaration was not filed with the filing of the application. Under 35 USC 371, the application is not complete until all requirements are met. These requirements include an executed Oath or Declaration. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit the attached executed Declaration.

Additionally, enclosed is a copy of a Preliminary Amendment and the filing postcard receipt. The Preliminary Amendment was filed concurrently with the application. The Preliminary Amendment included amendments to the Title to conform to the English language. It is noted that the Official Filing Receipt does not recognize this Title change. Please amend the title as noted in the Preliminary Amendment and issue a corrected Official Filing Receipt.

The \$130.00 surcharge for filing the declaration after the 30-month national date was paid upon filing of the application on March 3, 2005. Therefore, it is deemed that no fees should be required for filing the declaration at this

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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The following items have been received:

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- English Translation of the IA filed on 03/03/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/03/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/03/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/03/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/03/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 03/03/2005
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For Method for production of fire resistant molded

16 Pages in Specification 12 No. of claims [2 independent; 10 dependent]

0 Sheets of Drawings ✓ Abstract Specimens

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